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IN RE PHENYLPROPANOLAMINE
(PPA) PRODUCTS LIABILITY
LITIGATION

MDL Docket No 1407

CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER
NO 1

This document relates to all actions

I. INTRODUCTION

On November 16, 2001, an initial conference was held in order to address issues dealing with the structure and purposes of the leadership of plaintiffs and defendants in this multi-district litigation. During the course of that conference, various issues relating to discovery, experts, use of technology, class actions, and federal-state coordination were also discussed.

At the conclusion of the conference, the Court directed the parties to submit an agreed upon Case Management Order No. 1, to the extent possible, addressing a fact discovery schedule, deposition and document production procedures, expert disclosure

1 and discovery, and any other matters felt necessary to promote the efficient and timely
2 progress of this litigation.
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4 By order dated November 21, 2001, this Court appointed Lead and Liaison
5 Counsel for plaintiffs and defendants. The Court had previously indicated that Lead
6 Counsel for each side, because of their knowledge of the skills, experience and
7 compatibility of counsel involved in this litigation, should propose for Court approval the
8 names of counsel to serve on various Committees. Those proposals have been made
9 and the Court has acted thereon. The Court also requested the submission no later
10 than December 14, 2001, of a Joint Proposed Case Management Order No. 1, to
11 address the issues discussed during the initial conference, and any other topics
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13 The parties have now submitted a proposed Case Management Order No. 1,
14 together with opposing submittals regarding various aspects of CMO No. 1 about which
15 the parties disagree. After review and consideration of the parties' submissions, the
16 Court hereby orders as follows:
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2 **II. STAY OF PROCEEDINGS IN CASES TRANSFERRED TO MDL 1407**

3 All proceedings in any case transferred to MDL 1407, now or in the future, are
4 stayed except as to the specific proceedings outlined in this Order, any pending motions
5 to remand presently before this Court, or in any subsequent order of the Court. All prior
6 written discovery to which responses have not yet been served is deemed withdrawn
7 All dates on which responsive pleadings are due are hereby stayed until further notice,
8 and all scheduling orders are hereby vacated. Nothing herein shall extend or modify the
9 time permitted for removal of any case to federal court, nor shall any portion of this
10 Order be deemed to apply to any case or matter now or hereafter pending in any state
11 court unless that state court so orders.
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13 **III. STATUS CONFERENCES, MOTIONS, PLEADINGS AND SERVICE**

14 **A. Status Conferences.** *Status Conferences shall be regularly scheduled*
15 *by the Court to permit substantial advance notice to all parties. Except as otherwise*
16 *provided herein, and to accommodate the schedules of the Court and parties, oral*
17 *argument or hearings on any motion will be scheduled to coincide with calendared*
18 *Status Conferences. Counsel may attend and participate in Status Conferences, oral*
19 *arguments and hearings by telephone at the Court's discretion by prior arrangement*
20 *with the Court's chambers Any hearing or oral argument deemed necessary by the*
21 *Court on motions that require a ruling on an expedited basis will be scheduled to permit*
22 *notice of at least two (2) business days. If circumstances warrant, the Court may*
23 *shorten the notice period*
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26 **B. Motions.** Motion practice shall be governed by applicable Federal and
27 Local Rules except as otherwise provided herein or in any subsequent Case
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1 Management Order. Absent an Order of the Court, briefs in response to all motions
2 shall be filed twenty-one (21) days after the date of service. Reply memoranda shall be
3 filed within seven (7) days after service of the response. Oral argument or hearing on a
4 motion will be scheduled to coincide with the first regularly scheduled Status
5 Conference occurring after seven (7) days from the scheduled date, as extended by the
6 Court, for the filing of Reply memoranda.
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8 **C. Notice to Parties by the Court.** Notice by the Court to Plaintiffs' Liaison
9 Counsel and Defendants' Liaison Counsel of any matter, ruling, order, schedule or court
10 hearing relating to all actions, shall be considered by the Court to be Notice to all parties
11 in MDL 1407. Notice by the Court of any matter, ruling, order, schedule of court hearing
12 relating only to individual actions shall be given to counsel of record for that action,
13 Plaintiffs' Liaison Counsel and Defendants' Liaison Counsel.
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15 **D. Service of Pleadings, Motions and Other Documents.** Lead Counsel
16 and any party filing with the Court a pleading, motion, or other document relating to all
17 actions shall provide one (1) copy to Plaintiffs' Liaison Counsel, one (1) copy to
18 Defendants' Liaison Counsel, and one (1) copy to opposing Lead Counsel by overnight
19 mail or hand delivery. In addition, an electronic version of any document filed shall be
20 provided at the time of service to the respective Liaison Counsel by electronic mail, on a
21 floppy disk, or on CD-ROM in either WordPerfect or Microsoft Word format. If any
22 document filed is comprised of or contains a paper copy of an electronic image of said
23 document, the electronic image of said document(s) shall be similarly served. Service
24 on Plaintiffs' and Defendants' Liaison Counsel constitutes service on all plaintiffs'
25 counsel and all defendants' counsel, respectively. Service and distribution by Liaison
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1 Counsel to other attorneys of record may be made via U S. Mail and either e-mail,
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3 overnight courier service or facsimile transmission, reserving to any counsel of record
4 the right to waive, in writing, all or any aspect of said service.

5 **E. Communication with the Court.** All communications with the
6 Court should be through Lead or Liaison Counsel. Correspondence from individual
7 plaintiff or defense counsel directly to the Court is strongly discouraged except when
8 requested or the circumstances require direct contact. In any event, a copy of any such
9 correspondence must be simultaneously served on Liaison Counsel.
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11 **IV. STATEMENT OF ISSUES**

12 No later than 5 days prior to the next status conference, Lead Counsel for
13 Plaintiffs and Defendants shall submit separate reports to the Court identifying and
14 describing the legal and factual issues they believe will need to be addressed in these
15 MDL proceedings. The reports by Lead Counsel shall not exceed 24 pages in length.
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17 **V. FACT DISCOVERY OF DEFENDANTS**

18 Discovery as to defendants shall be governed by applicable Federal Rules
19 of Civil Procedure and Local Rules except as otherwise provided herein or in any
20 subsequent Case Management Order. Fact discovery has begun against certain, but
21 not all defendants, in various state court proceedings. This Court has taken into
22 consideration the present status and progress of discovery against various groups of
23 defendants in fashioning a discovery schedule that will aid in fostering state and federal
24 court coordination of PPA cases, and completing the tasks undertaken in this MDL 1407
25 with reasonable dispatch in keeping with the needs and expectations of litigants.
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2 **A. Completion of Fact Discovery.** Fact discovery of all defendants, as
3 divided into three distinct groups, shall be completed as follows:

4 **(1) Group I Defendants.** Group I Defendants are American Home
5 Products Corporation, Novartis Consumer Health Inc., Bayer Corporation, SmithKline
6 Beecham, Perrigo, and Chattem, and any related entities. Fact discovery as to Group I
7 Defendants shall be completed on or before December 31, 2002.

8 **(2) Group II Defendants.** Group II Defendants are those defendants
9 presently named in any case now docketed in this MDL 1407 not designated as Group I
10 Defendants, such as Schering-Plough and Thompson/Delaco. Fact discovery as to
11 Group II Defendants shall be completed on or before February 28, 2003.

12 **(3) Group III Defendants.** Group III Defendants are those defendants
13 who are named in any action transferred to this MDL 1407 after the date of this Order
14 Fact discovery as to each such defendant shall be completed on or before 15 months
15 following the first day of the month following the docketing of the first action naming said
16 defendant in this MDL 1407.

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19 **B. Discovery Disputes** All disputes regarding the scope or conduct of fact
20 discovery shall be resolved pursuant to the standards and procedures set forth in the
21 Federal Rules of Civil Procedure as augmented by the Local Rules of this District,
22 except as otherwise provided herein.

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24 **C. Confidentiality of Produced Materials or Deposition Testimony.** The
25 Court has entered *Case Management Order No 2 (Confidentiality of Material Produced*
26 *and Testimony Relating Thereto)* pursuant to the joint submittal of same by the parties.

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2 **D. Preservation of Documents**

3 The Court will enter *Case Management Order No. 3 (Preservation of Documents)*
4 following the submittal of the positions of the parties regarding the content thereof

5 **E. Production of Documents**

6 **(1) Master Request For Production of Documents.** Document
7 production by most Group I Defendants is and has been ongoing in several state and
8 federal court cases, all in response to virtually identical requests for production
9 propounded by many of the plaintiffs' counsel named as members of the Plaintiffs'
10 Steering Committee or Discovery Committee Attached at Tab A is the *Master Requests*
11 *For Production of Documents Addressed To All Defendants* ("Master Requests For
12 Production") which incorporates the requests previously made and responded to by
13 Group I Defendants and is hereby deemed served on all defendants named in any
14 action transferred to this MDL 1407. In the absence of an agreement or further order of
15 the Court, no further document requests may be propounded to the Defendants without
16 leave of Court.
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19 **(2) Prior Production and Responses to Requests to Produce.** To
20 the extent that any Group I Defendant has produced documents in response to requests
21 for production also contained in the Master Requests for Production, that production is
22 hereby deemed to be production to the same requests contained in the Master
23 Requests for Production Similarly, to the extent that any Group I Defendant has
24 responded to requests to produce also contained in the Master Requests for
25 Production, those responses are hereby deemed to have been made to the same
26 requests contained in the Master Requests for Production. All objections to production
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1 requests raised in a response made by any Group I Defendant are preserved to the
2 extent existing as of the date hereof, and all rights held by plaintiff(s) to contest any
3 objections made are similarly preserved and intact.
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5 **(3) Document Production Deadlines.**

6 **(a) Group I Defendants** Each Group I Defendant shall
7 produce all documents maintained in hard copy responsive to the Master Requests for
8 Production on or before February 28, 2002, except for those documents withheld
9 pursuant to an assertion of privilege, work product or objection. Group I Defendants
10 shall produce all documents maintained in electronic format responsive to the Master
11 Requests for Production on or before March 30, 2002, except for those documents
12 withheld pursuant to an assertion of privilege, work product or objection. The parties
13 shall meet and confer as soon as practicable to resolve disputes concerning withheld
14 documents. Motions to compel should only be filed on those issues that cannot in good
15 faith be resolved. The Court expects that document production will be completed by the
16 deadlines above, and that no further extensions will be necessary
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18 **(b) Group II Defendants.** Each Group II Defendant shall
19 respond to the Master Request for Documents no later than February 28, 2002 and
20 produce all documents maintained in hard copy responsive to the Master Requests for
21 Production no later than March 30, 2002, except for those documents withheld pursuant
22 to an assertion of privilege, work product or objection. Group II Defendants shall
23 produce all documents maintained in electronic format responsive to the Master
24 Requests for Production on or before March 30, 2002, except for those documents
25 withheld pursuant to an assertion of privilege, work product or objection. The parties
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1 shall meet and confer as soon as practicable to resolve disputes concerning withheld
2 documents. Motions to compel should only be filed on those issues that cannot in good
3 faith be resolved. The Court expects that document production will be completed by the
4 deadlines above, and that no further extensions will be necessary.
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6 (c) **Group III Defendants.** Each Group III Defendant shall
7 respond to the Master Request for Documents within sixty (60) days of the transfer to
8 this MDL 1407 of the first action in which it is named and produce all documents
9 responsive to the Master Requests For Production on a rolling basis within one hundred
10 twenty (120) days thereafter, except for those documents withheld under an assertion of
11 privilege or protection, or where an objection has been asserted. The parties shall meet
12 and confer as soon as practicable to resolve disputes concerning withheld documents
13 Motions to compel should only be filed on those issues that cannot in good faith be
14 resolved.
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16 (4) **Manner of Production.** With respect to all responsive documents
17 or materials kept or maintained in either tangible form or in any electronic form, all
18 defendants shall produce those documents or materials in "hard" copy, with appropriate
19 identifying Bates numbering or labeling which shall include an alpha prefix identifying
20 the defendant producing same. However, this provision shall not prohibit or otherwise
21 impact any subsequent motion by plaintiffs to seek the production from any defendant of
22 all responsive documents or materials kept or maintained in electronic form in the same
23 format as they are kept or maintained. All defendants shall, to the extent reasonably
24 possible, produce on a "rolling" basis, such that documents or materials should be made
25 available for production and produced at regular intervals rather than accumulated with
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1 all other documents for production at the end of the document production period
2 permitted herein. Each copy of a document shall convey the exact information and
3 appearance of the original document unless redacted pursuant to a stated objection or
4 privilege, in which event the fact that a redaction has been made shall be made
5 apparent on the face of the document produced. If color is material to appreciating or
6 comprehending the content of a document, parties shall honor reasonable requests for
7 either the production of an original document for inspection and copying or production of
8 a color image of the document. Similarly, the parties shall comply with all reasonable
9 requests for inspection and copying of an original document for all copies deemed
10 unreadable or illegible, in whole or in part. The reasonable reproduction costs incurred
11 by defendants of providing "hard" copies shall be borne by plaintiffs pursuant to
12 applicable Federal and Local Rules.

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15 **(5) Document Images and Objective Databases.** If a defendant
16 chooses or has chosen to create electronic images of documents or materials produced
17 in "hard" copy, duplicates of said images shall be produced to plaintiffs on CD-ROM
18 disks on or before that defendant's document production deadline. The electronic
19 images produced shall be in the same electronic format as utilized by defendant in
20 creating and maintaining the electronic images. Provided, however, that should a
21 defendant choose to create electronic images of only a select group of documents, such
22 that the selection reflects the work product of its attorneys in conjunction with this
23 litigation, then production shall not be required. The reasonable reproduction costs
24 incurred by defendants of providing copies of CD-ROM disks containing images of
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1 documents produced shall be borne by plaintiffs pursuant to applicable Federal and
2 Local Rules.

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4 Any defendant that has created an objective database of documents
5 produced in response to production requests of plaintiffs shall produce that database to
6 plaintiffs. Provided, however, that should a defendant choose to create an objective
7 database of only a select group of documents produced, such that the selection reflects
8 the work product of its attorneys in conjunction with this litigation, then production of that
9 database shall not be required. Defendants are permitted to redact database fields that
10 contain subjective work product material. If a defendant seeks to withhold the database
11 because it cannot redact the subjective materials, the defendant must first show good
12 cause to the Court why it cannot segregate objective and subjective data. The same
13 procedure will apply to plaintiffs' databases if sought by defendants during discovery.
14 Plaintiffs will not be assessed costs for producing databases that defendants have
15 prepared. However, if a defendant must incur additional costs to remove subjective
16 material from the database, plaintiffs will bear the responsibility for those additional
17 costs.
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20 **(6) Document Depositories** Lead Counsel for each side may
21 establish a document depository for purposes it deems appropriate and necessary to
22 accomplish their obligations to their respective constituencies in this MDL 1407. Each
23 side shall administer and bear the costs of its own depository.
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25 **(7) Authentication of Documents.** Pursuant to the stipulation of the
26 parties, it is hereby ordered that the copies of all documents maintained in "hard" form
27 produced by any defendant are deemed to be a true and accurate copy of documents in
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1 the possession and control of that defendant, except as otherwise indicated on the face
2 of the copy produced. It is further ordered that the "hard" copies of all documents
3 maintained in electronic form produced by any defendant are deemed to be a true and
4 accurate representations of the data or other information maintained in electronic format
5 by that defendant, except as otherwise indicated on the face of the "hard" copy
6 produced.
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8 **(8) Assertion of Privilege in Response to Production Requests.**
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10 Any party that withholds the production of requested documents or materials, regardless
11 of the manner in which they are kept or maintained, on the ground of any privilege or
12 application of the work-product doctrine must specify in writing, as to each document or
13 thing not produced, the specific privilege(s) or doctrine(s) it is relying upon to withhold
14 each document ("Privilege Log") Each Privilege Log shall describe each document or
15 thing to which a privilege or work product doctrine is asserted in sufficient detail to
16 reasonably permit the party seeking discovery to assess whether or not to dispute any
17 such assertion of privilege or application of the work product doctrine Each party so
18 withholding shall provide the Court and opposing Liaison Counsel a copy of the party's
19 Privilege Log on or before thirty (30) days after the deadline for the production of "hard"
20 copies of responsive documents or materials kept or maintained in tangible form and,
21 with respect to responsive documents kept or maintained in electronic format, within
22 thirty (30) days after the production deadline for "hard" copies of those documents or
23 materials
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26 **F. Interrogatories.** A First Set of Interrogatories has been propounded to
27 and answered by many Group I Defendants in several state and federal court cases
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1 The interrogatories served have been virtually identical, and counsel serving same are
2 included among the plaintiffs' counsel hereby named as members of the Plaintiffs'
3 Steering Committee or Discovery Committee. Attached at Tab B is the *Master First Set*
4 *of Interrogatories Addressed To All Defendants* ("Master First Set of Interrogatories")
5 which incorporates the interrogatories previously propounded and answered by many
6 Group I Defendants, and is hereby deemed served on all defendants named in any
7 action transferred to this MDL 1407
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10 (1) **Prior Answers to Interrogatories** To the extent that any Group I
11 Defendant has answered interrogatories also contained in the Master First Set of
12 Interrogatories, those answers are hereby deemed to be responses to the same
13 interrogatories contained in the Master First Set of Interrogatories. All objections to such
14 interrogatories raised in a response made by any Group I Defendant are preserved to
15 the extent existing as of the date hereof, and all rights held by plaintiff(s) to contest any
16 objections made are similarly preserved and intact.
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18 (2) **Interrogatory Answer Deadlines for Defendants.**

19 (a) Group I Defendants Each Group I Defendant shall respond
20 to all interrogatories contained in the Master First Set of Interrogatories no later than
21 January 15, 2002. The parties shall meet and confer as soon as practicable to resolve
22 disputes concerning objections thereto. Motions to compel should only be filed on those
23 issues that cannot in good faith be resolved.
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25 (b) Group II Defendants. Each Group II Defendant shall
26 respond to all interrogatories contained in the Master First Set of Interrogatories no later
27 than February 28, 2002. The parties shall meet and confer as soon as practicable to
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1 resolve disputes concerning objections thereto. Motions to compel should only be filed
2 on those issues that cannot in good faith be resolved.

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4 (c) Group III Defendants. Each Group III Defendant shall
5 respond to all interrogatories contained in the Master First Set of Interrogatories within
6 sixty (60) days of the transfer to this MDL 1407 of the first action in which it is named.
7 The parties shall meet and confer as soon as practicable to resolve disputes concerning
8 withheld documents. Motions to compel should only be filed on those issues that
9 cannot in good faith be resolved.
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11 **G. Fact Depositions** All fact depositions shall be conducted pursuant to
12 applicable Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and Local Rules, and as further specified
13 below.

14 (1) **Deposition Notices** In addition to the information required by
15 applicable Rule, each deposition notice shall include the name, if known, of the primary
16 examiner(s) designated by the party noticing the deposition, and the date, time and
17 place of the deposition. In order for counsel to make arrangements for adequate
18 deposition space, whenever feasible, counsel who intend to attend a deposition noticed
19 in MDL 1407 should provide notice to the individual counsel signing the Notice of
20 Deposition. Deposition notices shall state whether the deposition is to be videotaped
21 and, if so, the name, firm and address of the videotape recorders.
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23 (2) **Cross-Notices Between State Court Cases and These**
24 **Proceedings.** In order to avoid duplicative discovery and to prevent the unnecessary
25 expenditure of judicial resources and the resources of the parties, steps should be taken
26 to encourage counsel in related state court proceedings to coordinate their depositions
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1 with MDL 1407 depositions. Plaintiffs' Liaison Counsel shall copy all known plaintiffs'
2 state liaison counsel (by mail, courier, facsimile or electronic mail) on all deposition
3 notices filed by plaintiffs in MDL 1407 and invite state court counsel to cross-notice the
4 deposition. Defendants' Liaison Counsel shall provide Plaintiffs' Liaison Counsel and
5 plaintiffs' known state liaison counsel with at least thirty (30) days notice of any cross-
6 notice in these proceedings by defendants of a deposition originally noticed in a state
7 court. Any motion to quash or stay any such cross-notice must be filed more than ten
8 (10) days prior to the scheduled date of the cross-noticed deposition. The filing of any
9 such motion will not delay the cross-noticed deposition, unless otherwise ordered by the
10 Court. Absent grant of any such motion to quash or stay, no party shall re-notice the
11 deposition of any witness already deposed under the terms of this Order unless
12 permitted by the Court for good cause shown. If a deposition was originally noticed in
13 this proceeding, whether or not later cross-noticed in state court proceedings, MDL
14 counsel shall conduct the initial phase of the deposition. If a deposition was originally
15 noticed in a state court proceeding and is later cross-noticed in this MDL proceedings,
16 the state court counsel shall conduct the initial phase of the deposition. In either
17 instance, questioning by state court counsel will not be counted against the time
18 permitted for questioning pursuant to this MDL proceeding as described below.
19 Regardless of which counsel conducts the initial examination of the deponent,
20 subsequent questioning shall not be redundant or repetitive, although clarification of
21 prior testimony may be sought if reasonably calculated to elicit testimony that adds to
22 the substance of prior testimony. Nothing in this provision shall be construed as an
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1 injunctive or equitable order affecting state court proceedings. Rather, this provision is
2 intended to reflect this Court's desire for voluntary state-federal coordination.
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4 **(3) Number of Depositions, Former Employees.** The defendants
5 shall make available all present employees requested by plaintiffs for deposition,
6 subject to the defendants' right to object to the taking of any particular employee's
7 deposition for good cause shown. Plaintiffs shall in good faith take only those
8 depositions deemed reasonably necessary under the circumstances of this case. Each
9 defendant shall take reasonable steps to make available requested former employees,
10 to the extent possible. If a defendant is unable, despite its best good faith efforts, to
11 produce former employees, then the defendant shall provide upon request the former
12 employee's last known address and shall cooperate in any effort to obtain this Court's,
13 or another court's assistance to compel the former employee's attendance at the
14 deposition. Plaintiffs shall not contact former employees without permission of the
15 former employer defendant. As to each named defendant, plaintiffs shall be limited to a
16 total of twenty (20) depositions of identified individuals, including former employees. In
17 addition, plaintiffs may notice up to five (5) depositions pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P.
18 30(b)(6) as to each defendant regardless of the number of deponents produced by said
19 defendant in response to each such deposition noticed, provided that the particular
20 matters identified in a notice on which examination is requested do not duplicate any
21 matters identified in connection with a prior Rule 30(b)(6) deposition of that defendant,
22 notice of which was properly served on plaintiffs pursuant to the terms of this Order.
23 Absent agreement by the defendant, plaintiffs may apply to the Court to conduct further
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1 depositions only upon a showing of good cause and the specific identification of the
2 individual(s) sought to be deposed
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4 **(4) Scheduling.** Plaintiffs may begin depositions of fact witnesses on
5 January 20, 2002. If a deposition occurs before document production is completed, and
6 documents received after the deposition raise additional questions for the witness,
7 plaintiffs may renew the deposition upon a showing of good cause. To the extent
8 practicable, counsel shall consult with opposing counsel and, if ethically permitted,
9 potential deponents in an effort to schedule depositions at mutually convenient times
10 and locations. Counsel for deponents who are employees of defendants are expected
11 to cooperate, to the extent reasonably possible, in the scheduling of depositions
12 requested by plaintiffs. The Court will resolve any deposition scheduling issues that
13 Lead Counsel or their designees are unable to resolve.
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15 **(5) Length of Direct Examination in Fact Depositions.** The
16 examination by the party noticing the deposition of a present or former employee of a
17 defendant shall be no more than seven (7) hours of actual examination time absent
18 agreement or further order of this Court upon a showing of good cause. The Court
19 expects that if a deposition requires additional time the parties will make a good faith
20 effort to agree on an extension before coming to the Court for resolution. Direct
21 examinations that are reasonably believed to require more than seven hours to
22 complete shall be scheduled, to the extent possible consistent with the witness's
23 schedule, for sufficient consecutive days for completion
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26 **(6) Postponements.** Once a deposition has been scheduled, it shall
27 not be taken off calendar, postponed, rescheduled, or relocated less than five (5)
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1 calendar days in advance of the date it is scheduled to occur, except upon agreement of
2 counsel or by leave of Court for good cause shown. Given the large number of
3 attorneys involved in this litigation, the unavailability of counsel shall not be grounds for
4 postponing a deposition if another attorney from the same firm who is familiar with the
5 case or one who represents a party with similar interests is available to attend. If a
6 motion is made to permit the rescheduling of a deposition on the grounds of
7 unavailability of counsel, the moving party shall certify to the Court that neither an
8 attorney from the same firm who is familiar with the case nor one who represents a
9 party with similar interests is able to attend the scheduled deposition.
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12 **(7) Attendance.** Unless otherwise agreed to by the parties,
13 depositions may be attended only by one representative of each party (other than
14 counsel for the party), the deponent, the deponent's attorney (if not counsel for a
15 defendant), attorneys of record in MDL 1407 or state PPA related cases, court
16 reporters, videographers, and any person who is assisting in the litigation and whose
17 presence is reasonably required by counsel conducting or defending the deposition.
18 Upon application, and for good cause shown, the court may permit attendance by a
19 person who does not fall within any of the categories set forth in the previous sentence
20 Attendees at any deposition shall execute an acknowledgment that they are bound by
21 the provisions of Case Management Order No. 2. If during the course of any
22 deposition, the examination involves information or documents which any defendant
23 claims to be confidential pursuant to Case Management Order No. 2 entered in this
24 litigation, attendees at the deposition are limited to those permitted access to
25 information designated confidential pursuant to that Order. Those portions of
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1 depositions deemed confidential pursuant to said Order will be treated and handled
2 pursuant to the requirements of that Order. Unnecessary attendance by counsel at
3 depositions is discouraged and may not be compensated in any fee application to the
4 Court.
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6 **(8) Production of Documents** Witnesses subpoenaed or noticed to
7 testify and to produce documents shall be noticed and served with the subpoena or
8 deposition notice and document request at least thirty (30) days before the scheduled
9 deposition. Depending upon the quantity of documents to be produced, some time may
10 be needed for inspection of the documents before the interrogation commences
11 Responsive documents that are identical to those already produced to the Plaintiffs' do
12 not have to be produced by the deponent, but the deponent bears the burden of
13 demonstrating, if necessary, prior production
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15 **(9) Potential Deposition Exhibits.** Parties will disclose to the
16 deponent's counsel at least ten (10) days before a deposition the documents they
17 expect to use during examination. As with issues regarding the length of depositions,
18 the Court expects that if a party fails to disclose documents, the parties will make a
19 good faith effort to agree how to proceed with the deposition before coming to the Court
20 for resolution.
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23 **(10) Location of Depositions.** Unless otherwise agreed to, any
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25 (a) plaintiff shall take place within the federal district in which
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2 (b) current and former employees and officers will take place in
3 the federal district of such employees' or officers' place of business. Defense counsel
4 will make reasonable efforts to obtain the agreement of former employees of defendants
5 to appear at the same location as current employees of the same defendant. Absent
6 such agreement, that deposition will take place either within the federal district in which
7 the former employee resides or at a location mutually agreeable to the former employee
8 and the parties.
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10 **H. Conduct of Depositions.**

11 (1) **Cooperation.** Counsel are expected to cooperate with, and be
12 courteous to, each other and deponents during the course of any deposition. Counsel
13 shall refrain from engaging in colloquy during depositions. There shall be no smoking or
14 use of other tobacco products or eating in any room in which a deposition is being
15 conducted, including before, during or after a deposition, or in the deposition room
16 during deposition recesses. Beverages will be permitted. Counsel shall recess from
17 time to time during the deposition for meals and to permit periods of rest or refreshment
18 reasonably required by the deponent, stenographer(s) and/or counsel conducting or
19 defending the deposition.
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21 (2) **Deposition Day.** Absent agreement of the parties to the deposition,
22 a deposition day shall be no longer than seven (7) hours of actual examination time.
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24 (3) **Continuance of Deposition** If a deposition is not completed by
25 1:00 p.m. on a Friday, the deposition will recommence on the next business day,
26 subject to the availability of the witness. If the witness is not available for deposition on
27 the next business day, the deposition will continue on a date to be agreed upon by
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1 counsel or, if agreement cannot be reached, a date specified in a notice of continued
2 deposition. Where a notice of continued deposition is required, service of notice ten
3 (10) or more days prior to the date specified for the continued deposition shall be
4 deemed adequate notice.
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6 **(4) Examination.** The party noticing a fact deposition shall designate
7 no more than two attorneys to conduct the examination of the deponent. If two attorneys
8 are designated, the examinations conducted shall not be redundant or repetitive,
9 although clarification of prior testimony may be sought if reasonably calculated to elicit
10 testimony that adds to the substance of prior testimony. No further examination by
11 counsel for MDL 1407 plaintiffs shall be permitted except by agreement or good cause
12 shown. Examination by other parties shall be permitted, but in no event shall it exceed
13 the limitations regarding redundancy or repetition applicable to attorneys conducting the
14 direct examination of the deponent, all as set forth above. Only one attorney may
15 represent the deponent at any given time.
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18 **(5) Objections and Directions Not to Answer.** Unless otherwise
19 agreed by the parties, and noted on the record, the following stipulations shall apply to
20 all depositions in this action:
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22 (a) Unless otherwise specified by any defendant, an objection
23 by a single defendant shall be deemed an objection by all defendants. However, unless
24 otherwise specified, an instruction not to answer by one defendant should not be
25 deemed an instruction not to answer by all defendants
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27 (b) All objections are reserved until trial or other use of the
28 deposition, except those objections regarding the form of the question or the existence

1 of a privilege. Objecting counsel shall say simply the word "objection", and no more, to
2 preserve all objections as to form. Only if one of the examining counsel request
3 clarification shall the basis of the objection be stated, and then only the short title of the
4 rule (e.g., "lack of foundation" or "calls for speculation") shall be stated by objecting
5 counsel. If the examining attorney requests further clarification, at that attorney's
6 request the deponent shall leave the room while the detailed nature of the objection is
7 clarified and/or discussed.

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10 (c) Counsel shall not direct or request that a witness refuse to
11 answer a question, unless that counsel has objected to the question on the ground that
12 the question seeks privileged information, information that the Court has ordered may
13 not be discovered, or a deponent seeks to present a motion to the Court for termination
14 of the deposition on the grounds that it is being conducted in bad faith or in such a
15 manner as unreasonably to annoy, embarrass, or harass the party or the deponent.
16 When a privilege is claimed, the witness shall nevertheless answer questions relevant
17 to the existence, extent or waiver of the privilege, such as the date of a communication,
18 who made the statement, to whom and in whose presence the statement was made,
19 other persons to whom the contents of the statement was made, any other person to
20 whom the contents of the statement has been disclosed, and the general subject matter
21 of the communication.

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23 (6) **Objections to Documents** All objections to the admissibility of
24 any documents used during the course of a deposition are deemed reserved until the
25 time of trial or use in any dispositive motion. No objections to the use of any document
26 are necessary or shall be noted on the record.

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2 **(7) Private Consultations.** Private consultations between deponents
3 and their attorneys during the course of examination are improper except for the
4 purpose of determining whether a privilege should be asserted Unless prohibited by
5 the Court for good cause shown, such conferences may be held during normal recesses
6 and adjournments.

7 **(8) Disputes During Depositions.** Disputes arising during
8 depositions that cannot be resolved by agreement and that, if not immediately resolved,
9 will significantly disrupt the discovery schedule or require rescheduling of the deposition,
10 or might result in the need to conduct a supplemental deposition, shall be presented to
11 the Court by telephone by calling the Court's Chambers. In the event the Judge is not
12 available, the deposition shall continue as to matters not in dispute with full reservation
13 of rights to continue the examination objected to pending a ruling at the earliest possible
14 time.
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17 If the nature of the dispute would not require the continuance of the
18 deposition pending resolution thereof, the parties may elect to either present the matter
19 to the Court by telephone at a time when the parties and the Court are available, or to
20 present the dispute to the Court in writing. If the parties elect to present the dispute to
21 the Court in writing, each side must submit on one (1) page a summary of its position
22 and any authority relevant to the dispute The Court will issue a prompt ruling, as its
23 schedule permits.
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25 Nothing contained herein shall prohibit examining counsel from continuing
26 with the deposition, filing an appropriate motion with the Court at the conclusion of
27 thereof, and appearing personally before the Court if argument is permitted by the Court
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1 and counsel deems it necessary. Disputes between the parties should be addressed to
2 this Court rather than to the District Court in which the deposition is being conducted
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4 **(9) Copies of Exhibits.** A copy of any document about which
5 examining counsel expect to question the deponent should ordinarily be provided to
6 primary counsel for the parties and the deponent at the time presented to the deponent
7 and his/her counsel.
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9 **(10) Marking of Deposition Exhibits.** Any documents previously
10 produced by defendants or third parties used as exhibits in a deposition shall be
11 referred to by any Bates stamp number(s) appearing on the face of the documents, and
12 a copy thereof shall be included with the original deposition transcript. Documents that
13 do not have Bates stamped number(s) shall be separately marked with sequential
14 exhibit numbers. For example, if the deponent's name is "John Smith", the first exhibit to
15 his deposition that has no identifiable Bates stamp number on its face shall be marked
16 "Smith No. 1 " The same document presented as an exhibit at subsequent depositions
17 shall continue to be referred to as originally marked, and counsel should avoid marking
18 that document with a different exhibit number at any subsequent deposition.
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20 **(11) Depositions Pursuant to Rule 30(b)(6).** In those instances when
21 the Plaintiffs serve a deposition notice pursuant to Fed. R. Civ P 30(b)(6), the following
22 shall apply (in addition to the foregoing general procedures governing depositions):
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24 (a) Depositions taken pursuant to F.R.C.P. 30(b)(6) will be taken
25 pursuant to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and applicable case law.

26 (b) The party wishing to take the deposition will in good faith
27 describe with reasonable particularity the categories on which the party is requesting
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1 examination. Within a reasonable period of time after receiving the notice, the party to
2 be deposed will in good faith attempt to inform the discovering party if it believes that
3 multiple witnesses will be necessary to respond to the requested categories of
4 information and to which category each witness will be produced to respond.
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6 **(12) Stenographic Recording.** A certified Court reporter shall
7 stenographically record all deposition proceedings and testimony. The Court reporter
8 shall administer the oath or affirmation to the deponent. A written transcript by the Court
9 reporter, together with copies of all exhibits marked or referred to during the deposition,
10 shall constitute the official record of the deposition for purposes of Fed. R. Civ. P.
11 30(e) (submission to the witness) and 30(f) (filing, exhibits). The transcript shall also
12 contain the name of any attorney and any other person attending the deposition
13 together with the name of his or her firm or organization, business address and, if
14 applicable, the name of the person or organization he or she represents. The court
15 reporter shall be requested to furnish the transcript in electronic form (floppy disks) in
16 text-readable form and hard copy in Min-U-Script format to the representative of
17 plaintiffs conducting the deposition and a designated representative of defendant
18 attending or defending the deposition.
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21 **(13) Videotaped Depositions.** Any deposition may be videotaped at
22 the request of any party pursuant to notice under the following terms and conditions
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24 (a) All videotaped depositions shall be simultaneously
25 stenographically recorded in accordance with this Order.

26 (b) The party requesting videotaping of the deposition shall bear
27 the expense of both the videotaping and the stenographic recording. Requests for the
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1 taxation of these costs and expenses may be made at the conclusion of the litigation in
2 accordance with applicable law.

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4 (c) The operator(s) of the videotape recording equipment shall
5 be subject to the provisions of Fed. R. Civ. p. 28(c). At the commencement of the
6 deposition the operator(s) shall swear or affirm to record the proceedings fairly and
7 accurately.

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9 (d) At the commencement of the deposition, each witness,
10 attorney and any other person attending the deposition shall identify themselves on
11 camera

12 (e) No attorney or party shall direct instructions to the video
13 operator as to the method of operating the equipment. The video camera operation will
14 be suspended during the deposition only upon stipulation by counsel and "off the
15 record" discussions. The video operator shall record on camera the time of suspension
16 and any subsequent reconvening of the deposition.

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18 (f) The deposition will be conducted in a manner to replicate, to
19 the extent feasible, the presentation of evidence at trial. Unless physically
20 incapacitated, the deponent shall be seated at a table except when reviewing or
21 presenting demonstrative materials for which a change in position is needed. To the
22 extent practicable, the deposition will be conducted in a neutral setting, against a solid
23 background, with only such lighting as is required for accurate video recording.
24 Lighting, camera angle, lens setting, and field of view will be changed only as necessary
25 to record accurately the natural body movements of the deponent or to portray exhibits
26 and materials used during the deposition. Sound levels will be altered only as
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1 necessary to record satisfactorily the voices of counsel and the deponent.

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3 (g) If the party noticing the deposition does not intend to convert
4 the videotape to digital form, the videotape operator shall use a counter on the
5 recording equipment and after completion of the deposition shall prepare a log, cross-
6 referenced to counter numbers, that identifies the depositions on the tape at which
7 examination by different counsel begins and ends, at which objections are made and
8 examination resumes, at which exhibits are identified, and at which any interruption of
9 continuous tape-recording occurs, whether for recesses, "off-the-record" discussions,
10 mechanical failure, or otherwise.

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12 (h) After the deposition is completed, the video operator shall
13 certify on camera the correctness, completeness, and accuracy of the videotape
14 recording in the same manner as a stenographic Court reporter, and file a true copy of
15 the video tape, the transcript, and certificate with Liaison Counsel for whomever noticed
16 the deposition.

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18 (i) Technical data, such as recording speeds and other
19 information needed to replay or copy the tape, shall be included on copies of the
20 videotaped deposition.

21 During the videotaping of a deposition, the questioner may use a two-video camera
22 system with monitors available for use by counsel

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24 **(14) Telephonic Depositions.** By indicating in its notice of deposition
25 that it wishes to conduct the deposition by telephone, a party shall be deemed to have
26 moved for such an order under Fed R.Civ.P 30(b)(7). Unless an objection is filed and
27 served within ten calendar days after such notice is received, the court shall be deemed
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1 to have granted the motion Other parties may examine the deponent telephonically or
2 in person. However, all persons present with the deponent shall be identified in the
3 deposition and shall not by word, sign, or otherwise coach or suggest answers to the
4 deponent.
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6 **(15) Supplemental Depositions** Each party who did not have
7 reasonable notice of a fact deposition and who was not present or represented at the
8 deposition (including parties later added and parties in cases subsequently filed in,
9 removed to, or transferred to this Court) may, within thirty (30) days after filing of the
10 deposition (or, if later, within sixty (60) days after becoming a party in any action which
11 is transferred to this Court), file a motion to conduct a supplemental deposition of the
12 deponent. Each party who wishes to take a supplemental deposition must certify that
13 their attorney has read the prior deposition, and state specifically the areas of inquiry
14 not previously addressed and sought to be pursued in the deposition sought. Within
15 fifteen (15) days of the filing of any such motion, any party may file an opposition to the
16 motion and seek a protective order prohibiting the supplemental deposition on the
17 grounds that the MDL 1407 deposition fully covered the area or areas sought to be
18 explored in the supplemental deposition, that the testimony is not relevant, or any other
19 reason thought valid
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22 (a) No further deposition by any party having received notice of
23 the original deposition will be permitted, except upon order of this Court on good cause
24 shown A showing by the moving party that a supplemental deposition is reasonably
25 calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence necessary to protect the
26 interests of the moving party shall constitute good cause
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2 (b) If a supplemental deposition is permitted by the Court or
3 unopposed, it shall be treated as the resumption of the deposition originally noticed.
4 During the resumed deposition, the prohibitions regarding redundant or repetitive
5 examination contained herein are fully applicable. The resumed deposition shall be
6 taken at the same location as the initial deposition unless otherwise agreed to by the
7 parties and the deponent.

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9 (16) **Copies of Transcripts and Videotapes** Subject to any
10 restrictions contained within the Stipulated Confidentiality Order, any party may at its
11 own expense obtain a copy of the videotape and the stenographic transcript by
12 contacting counsel noticing the deposition or the court reporter.

13 (17) **Correction and Signing Depositions.** Unless waived by the
14 deponent, the transcript of a deposition, or any portion thereof, shall be submitted to the
15 deponent for correction and signature within thirty (30) days after the completion of the
16 deposition or any portion thereof, unless the Court allows a supplemental deposition
17 pursuant to this Order. If a supplemental deposition is allowed, the transcript thereof
18 shall be submitted to the deponent as soon as it is available for distribution. A
19 deposition transcript, or a transcript of a portion thereof, may be signed by the deponent
20 before any notary within thirty (30) days after the transcript, or any portion thereof, is
21 submitted to the deponent. If no corrections are made during this time, the transcript
22 will be presumed accurate.
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24 (18) **Use of Depositions.** Under the conditions prescribed in Fed. R.
25 Civ. P. 32(a) (1) - (4) or as otherwise permitted by the Federal Rules of Evidence,
26 depositions may be used against any party (including parties later added and parties in
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1 cases subsequently filed in, removed to, or transferred to this Court as part of this
2 litigation) who

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4 (a) was present or represented at the deposition; or
5 (b) had reasonable notice thereof, or
6 (c) within ninety (90) days after the deposition is taken or within
7 one hundred and twenty (120) days after becoming a party to MDL 1407 fails to show
8 just cause why such deposition should not be used against such party.
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10 (19) **Document Subpoenas to Non-Parties.** Commencing upon entry
11 of this Order, any party may serve subpoenas on non-parties for the production of
12 documents without testimony pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 45.

13 **VI. FACT DISCOVERY OF PLAINTIFFS.**

14 Plaintiffs and Defendants, through their appointed Lead Counsel, are to confer
15 regarding the nature and extent of discovery of plaintiffs in MDL 1407, as well as
16 deadlines and proposed procedures for the conduct of same, and to report back to the
17 Court at the earliest practical time as agreed by Lead Counsel, but no later than thirty
18 (30) days from the date of this Order or the next regularly scheduled Status Conference,
19 whichever first occurs. Plaintiffs, however, shall produce copies of any medical records
20 in their possession referring or related to the injuries alleged in their actions within 30
21 days of the entry of an Order concerning discovery of plaintiffs or sixty (60) days from
22 the date of this Order, whichever first occurs.
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24 **VII. EXPERT DISCOVERY**

25 To date, the parties have not agreed whether science and/or expert witness
26 issues involved in this litigation should be resolved in this MDL and, if so, the nature,
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1 extent and procedures of discovery regarding those issues and/or experts. However,
2 the parties have agreed to continue to attempt to reach an agreement on these issues
3 within the proposed Joint Science Committee, all as proposed in the Joint Submission
4 of the parties dated November 30, 2001. The Joint Science Committee shall meet and
5 shall report to the Court on or before January 11, 2002. At that time, the committee
6 shall provide the Court with a recommended expert discovery schedule, including an
7 expert cutoff date. If the committee cannot reach an agreement, it shall report the
8 disagreement to the Court on January 11, 2002, and shall submit separate proposals by
9 January 18, 2002.
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12 **VIII. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH DISCOVERY REQUESTS.**

13 A party's failure to either produce a relevant document or identify same as
14 withheld pursuant to a privilege may be viewed by the Court as an infraction of its
15 orders, justifying appropriate sanctions. Upon learning of any relevant document(s)
16 which have not been produced or identified, a party is under an obligation to promptly
17 make known the existence of the documents, including the reason for failing to produce
18 same, and submit the document to opposing Lead Counsel, or if withheld under a claim
19 of privilege or protection, identify the documents and the corresponding privilege in the
20 manner described above.
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22 **IX. PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS FROM PRIOR LITIGATION.**

23 The parties shall meet and confer to resolve disputes over the extent of
24 discovery of documents from prior litigation and shall provide the Court with an
25 agreement by January 11, 2002. If the parties are unable to agree on the extent of
26 discovery, they shall submit separate proposals by January 18, 2002.
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2 **X. CLASS ACTIONS.**

3 **A. Economic Injury Class Actions.** As of the date of this Order, the Court
4 lifts the stay imposed on potential class certification proceedings. Plaintiffs in *Sims v.*
5 *The Delaco Company et al.* (C01-1705R) have agreed to voluntarily dismiss their
6 complaint.

7 **(1) Class Certification Discovery and Briefing Schedule.** The
8 defendants and plaintiffs shall meet and confer regarding potential stipulations, a
9 discovery plan, and a briefing schedule for the economic injury class certification issue.
10 Counsel shall contact the Court on or before January 7, 2002, to inform the Court of the
11 agreed schedule or, if agreement cannot be reached, to present separate proposals
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13 **(2) Merits Discovery and Other Deadlines.** Non-expert merits
14 discovery shall end on December 31, 2002. Merits discovery in the class actions shall
15 be coordinated with merits discovery in the personal injury actions, so that no
16 duplicative discovery shall be taken and so that discovery taken in non-MDL cases shall
17 be applicable in the class actions to the same extent that it is applicable in the MDL
18 personal injury actions. To the extent that relevant merits discovery commences in the
19 personal injury actions before the Court rules on the class certification issue in the
20 economic injury class actions, the parties in the economic injury class actions can and
21 shall participate so as to avoid duplicative discovery
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23 A schedule for expert discovery, Daubert motions, summary judgment
24 motions and remaining dates applicable in the class action cases shall be set at a later
25 date.
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2 **B. Personal Injury Class Actions.** Defendants shall file a motion to strike
3 class allegations on or before January 25, 2002. If plaintiffs contend discovery is
4 necessary before they can respond to defendants' motion, plaintiffs shall file their
5 motion for discovery by February 1, 2002. The motion should include the specific areas
6 of discovery required and the reason discovery is needed, as well as proposed dates for
7 discovery. Defendants may file a response to the discovery motion by February 8,
8 2002. No reply will be filed.
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10 If the Court denies the motion for discovery, plaintiffs shall file their opposition to
11 defendants' motion to strike class allegations within seven (7) days of receiving the
12 Court's decision. The defendants' reply shall be filed within fourteen (14) days of
13 receiving the opposition, and any sur-reply by the plaintiffs shall be due fourteen (14)
14 days after receiving the reply. If the Court grants the motion for discovery, the parties
15 shall follow the briefing schedule provided by the Court in that order
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17 If the plaintiffs do not bring a motion for discovery, plaintiffs shall file their
18 opposition to the motion to strike class allegations on February 28, 2002. Defendants
19 shall file their reply on March 15, 2002, and plaintiff shall file any sur-reply by March 29,
20 2002.

21 **XI. OTHER PROVISIONS**

22 **A. Individual Appointment of Plaintiff Counsel.** The Court has appointed
23 specific plaintiffs counsel to various positions on the expectation of their personal
24 contribution to the work of the Plaintiffs' Lead Counsel, Steering Committee ("PSC") and
25 other Committees and to the furtherance of the completion of the MDL portion of PPA
26 litigation. For this reason, the Court will look to the Lead Counsel and the individual
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1 members of the Plaintiffs' various committees to satisfy the goals that the Court expects
2 the PSC and the various Committees to achieve. The Court will likewise consider the
3 contribution of each member of the PSC and its Committee members when the Court is
4 called upon to determine appropriate compensation for service on the PSC and its
5 Committees. While the Court recognizes that each of the above members will require
6 the assistance of partners, colleagues, paralegals, support staff and others in the
7 fulfillment of their committee assignments, the Court will expect the individual members
8 to be responsible for the ultimate outcome of the activities performed by the PSC and its
9 Committees.
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12 **B. Time and Expense Keeping.** Counsel who anticipate seeking an award
13 of attorney's fees and reimbursement of expenditures shall comply with the directives
14 contained in the Manual for Complex Litigation, Third, §41.32 regarding the
15 maintenance of contemporaneous records reflecting the services performed and the
16 expenses incurred. The Court will address, in a future CMO, the extent to which an
17 assessment will be ordered in this matter.
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19 **C. Privileges Preserved.** No communication by and between the respective
20 parties' Lead Counsel, their Liaison Counsel and/or members of their respective
21 Committees shall constitute a waiver of any privilege or protection to which it would
22 otherwise be entitled.
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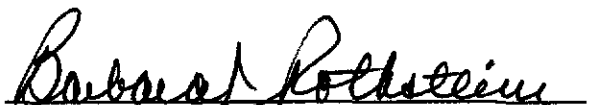
24 **XII. NEXT STATUS CONFERENCE.**

25 The next status conference is scheduled for _____. At the next and
26 all future status conferences, the parties are to provide to the Court within five (5)
27 business days before each status conference an agreed upon agenda for the
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1 conference, and shall provide a brief (1-2 paragraph) summary of the party positions as
2 to any disputed issues.
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4 **XIII. PERSONS BOUND BY THIS ORDER.**

5 This Order shall be binding on all persons with cases docketed in MDL
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11 The Honorable Barbara Jacobs Rothstein
12 United States District Judge
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14 DATED this 29th day of January, 2002
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11 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
12 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
13 AT SEATTLE

14 IN RE: PHENYLPROPANOLAMINE
15 (PPA) PRODUCTS LIABILITY
16 LITIGATION,

MDL Docket No. 1407

PLAINTIFFS' MASTER FIRST
SET OF INTERROGATORIES

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18 This document relates to all actions
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23 Pursuant to Rule 33 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the following
24 Interrogatories are propounded to Defendant, to be answered separately and fully, in
25 writing, and under oath as prescribed by said rules within 30 days, or at such other time as
26 ordered by the Court.
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INSTRUCTIONS

1. Each Interrogatory set forth herein refers to information in the custody,
control, and possession of Defendant or known to Defendant, as well as in the custody,
control, and possession of or known to Defendant's counsel, representatives, agents,

PLAINTIFFS' MASTER FIRST SET OF
INTERROGATORIES - 1

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1 servants, investigators, and consultants, and their counsel, employees, representatives,
2 agents, servants, investigators and consultants.
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4 2. If there is a claim of privilege with respect to any response, please provide
5 a privilege log that states the nature of the information being withheld, the general
6 subject matter of the withheld information, a statement of the facts constituting the basis
7 for any claim of privilege, and the specific basis on which the privilege is claimed.
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9 3. The term "person" is used in its broadest possible sense and includes a
10 natural person, corporation, firm, association, organization, business, trust, corporation,
11 governmental or other public entity.

12 4. When asked to identify a person, or if the response involves a person, for
13 each person please state the full name, business title, and the last known home and
14 business addresses and telephone numbers.

15 5. When asked to identify a communication, or if an answer involves a
16 communication, for each communication please state the parties to the communication,
17 the nature of the communication (e.g. written, oral, recorded), witnesses to the
18 communication, and the substance of the communication.
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20 6. When asked to identify a document, or when an answer involves a
21 document, please state the person who wrote, composed or created the document, the
22 intended recipients, the date originated, the date sent, the date received, all persons
23 having copies of the document, and the subject matter and content. In lieu of identifying
24 a document, a copy of the document can be attached to these responses.
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26 7. For each Interrogatory, identify any persons providing information, and state
27 whether the response is based on the personal knowledge of the person providing the
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1 information. If the response is not based on the personal knowledge of the person
2 providing the information, identify the sources (e.g. persons, documents) of that
3 information.
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5 8. If information contrary to that provided in an answer was provided by any
6 person to the person providing the answer, or to your attorneys, identify each person
7 providing conflicting information, state the conflicting information, and state the reasons
8 the conflicting information was not relied upon.
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10 9. For each answer, identify all documents that you believe support your
11 response.

12 10. These Interrogatories shall be deemed continuing, to the full extent required
13 or permitted under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, so as to require supplementary
14 responses as soon as practical after you receive information which renders any of your
15 answers to these Interrogatories incomplete or inaccurate.
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17 DEFINITIONS

18 1. "PPA" means phenylpropanolamine and "PPA product" means any
19 product containing PPA

20 2. "FDA" means the United States Food & Drug Administration, any
21 committee, subcommittee or advisory committee thereto, and any person, employee or
22 agent acting as a representative thereof.

23 3. "Foreign Government Regulatory Authority" means any agency,
24 committee, subcommittee or advisory committee of any government other than the
25 United States of America, which bears responsibility or exercises authority over the
26 manufacture, distribution, labeling, sale and/or marketing of pharmaceutical products or
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1 human health in any jurisdiction, and any employee or agent acting as a representative
2 thereof.

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4 4. "Defendant", "You" and "Your" refers to every corporation or other person
5 or entity upon whom plaintiffs serve this set of discovery requests and also includes
6 every predecessor in interest of each such company, its successor(s) in interest, and
7 every company affiliated with each such company by common ownership or control.

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9 5. As used throughout these Interrogatories, the term "document" or any
10 similar term is used in its broadest possible sense and shall include, but not be limited
11 to any original, reproduction or copy, and nonidentical copy (i.e., copy with marginal
12 notes, deletions, etc.) of any kind of written, printed, typed, electronically created or
13 stored, or other graphic matter of any type, documentary material, or drafts thereof,
14 including, but not limited to, any correspondence, memoranda, interoffice or intra-office
15 communications, notes, diaries, journals, calendars, contract documents, publications,
16 calculations, estimates, vouchers, minutes of meetings, invoices, reports, studies,
17 computer tapes, computer disks, computer cards, computer files, e-mails, photographs,
18 negatives, slides, dictation belts, voice tapes, telegrams, notes of telephone
19 conversations and notes of any oral communications

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21 6. As used throughout these Interrogatories, the term "communication" is
22 intended in its broadest sense and refers to any oral, written, video, photographic, or
23 other means utilized to express an idea, thought, or information from one person to
24 another, or among persons.
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2 **INTERROGATORIES**

3 1. State the corporate name of Defendant, any name under which Defendant
4 does business, and the identity and title of all persons who participated in the preparation
5 of these interrogatory responses, excluding counsel.

6 2. State the division(s), subsidiary or operating unit(s) responsible for the
7 following regarding PPA products:

- 8 a. Product design;
9 b. Pre-clinical testing;
10 c. Clinical testing;
11 d. Regulatory approval and compliance;
12 e. Manufacturing;
13 f. Marketing;
14 g. Labeling;
15 h. Promotion; and
16 i. Distribution.

17 3. Identify the individuals with supervisory and/or managerial responsibilities for
18 the following regarding PPA products:

- 19 a. Product design;
20 b. Pre-clinical testing;
21 c. Clinical testing;
22 d. Regulatory approval and compliance;
23 e. Manufacturing;
24 f. Marketing;
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2 g. Labeling;
3 h. Promotion; and
4 i. Distribution.
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6 4. Identify each PPA product you manufacture or distribute and for each
7 such product, identify the individuals with supervisory and/or managerial responsibilities
8 for:
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- 10 a. Monitoring adverse reactions;
11 b. Monitoring the medical literature regarding PPA safety issues;
12 c. Determining whether the labeling for the product needed to be changed
13 and, if so, implementing any labeling change;
14 d. Determining whether PPA should be removed from the product and if so,
15 implementing any reformulation of the product;
16 e. Interacting or communicating with the Consumer Healthcare Products
17 Association ("CHPA") or the Nonprescription Drug Manufacturer's
18 Association ("NDMA") regarding the safety of PPA;
19 f. Interacting or communicating with other manufacturers of PPA products
20 regarding the safety of PPA;
21 g. Interacting or communicating with FDA regarding the safety of PPA;
22 h. Interacting or communicating with any other State, Federal or Foreign
23 regulatory agency regarding the safety of PPA;
24 i. Conducting any testing in humans or animals regarding the safety of
25 PPA;
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2 j. Contracting with any other person or entity to perform any testing in
3 humans or animals regarding the safety of PPA; and
4 k. Communicating or interacting with any person or entity that conducted
5 studies regarding the safety of PPA.

6 5. Identify and describe any testing done by or on behalf of defendant to
7 determine whether the ingestion of PPA is associated with an increased risk of stroke.
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9 6. Ranging from the Chief Executive Officer to the most junior managerial level
10 of your company, identify and describe the chain of command since 1990 for insuring that
11 the labeling of PPA products adequately warned consumers of the risks of PPA products.

12 7. Ranging from the Chief Executive Officer to the most junior managerial level
13 of your company, identify and describe the chain of command since 1990 for making the
14 decision as to whether PPA should be removed from any of your products for safety
15 reasons.

16 8. Identify each over-the-counter consumer product containing PPA marketed
17 by your company and for each product state:
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- 19 a. The dollar amount spent on all advertising for each such product in each
20 of the years since 1990;
21 b. The dollar sales of each such product in each of the years since 1990;
22 c. The gross profit derived from the sales of each such product in each of
23 the years since 1990; and
24 d. The net profit derived from the sales of each such product in each of the
25 years since 1990.
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2 9. State whether you have re-formulated any of your PPA products such that
3 they do not now contain PPA and, if so, state:

4 a. The ingredient which was used to replace PPA; and

5 b. The cost of reformulating the product without PPA.

6 10. State whether at any time between January 1, 1990 and January 1, 2000
7 you considered removing PPA from any of your products and, if so, identify:

8 a. Any individuals who recommended removing PPA from any of your
9 products;

10 b. Any individuals who made the decision to remove or not remove PPA
11 from any of your products; and

12 c. Any documents relating or referring to any proposed removal of PPA
13 from any of your products.
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15 11. State whether at any time between January 1, 1990 and January 1, 2000
16 you analyzed whether the removal of PPA from any of your products would impact your
17 market share, dollar sales or the cost of production for such product and if so:
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19 a. Identify the individuals who performed such analyses;

20 b. Identify the individuals who were informed of the results of such
21 analyses; and

22 c. Identify any documents relating or referring to such analyses.
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24 12. As to any government investigation, regulatory action, indictment,
25 information, or criminal charge which has ever been made or brought against Defendant in
26 regard to the promotion, marketing, sale or distribution of any of its drug products, state:

27 a. The Product involved;
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2 b. The court, agency and jurisdiction involved;
3 c. The filing date;
4 d. The time period at issue;
5 e. The current status or disposition of the investigation, regulatory action
6 or criminal charge; and
7 f. Any claim, file, court number or other identifying information regarding
8 the investigation, regulatory action or charge.
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10 13. State whether any of your PPA products were marketed outside of the
11 United States. If so, state:

- 12 a. The location(s) outside of the United States where each was
13 marketed;
14 b. The period of time when your PPA products were marketed, sold
15 and/or distributed in each such location outside of the United States;
16 c. The indications, contraindications and risks reflected in the labeling
17 which accompanied your PPA products when they were marketed in each
18 such location outside of the United States (in English);
19 d. Whether any foreign government regulatory authority took any action
20 to prohibit or limit the manufacture, sale, distribution or use of your PPA
21 products, identifying the agency involved and the action taken; and
22 e. Whether any foreign government regulatory authority requested you
23 or any other distributor of PPA products to withdraw such products from the
24 market or restrict their use.
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2 14. With respect to any case of hemorrhagic stroke in any person using any of
3 your PPA products:

4 a. State the date on which you first became aware that any consumer
5 using any of your PPA products suffered a hemorrhagic stroke after
6 using your product;

7 b. State the total number of reports of hemorrhagic stroke reported in
8 consumers using your PPA products;

9 c. Identify each person who furnished and/or received such information;

10 d. State whether each report of such information was provided to the
11 FDA and, if so, when; and
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13 e. Identify all documents relating, referring to or embodying such
14 information and/or its reporting to the FDA.

15 15. Identify all documents in your possession custody or control that relate, refer
16 to or embody any studies, tests, analyses or research, including any interim or preliminary
17 reports or data from such studies, conducted by any person or entity regarding
18 hemorrhagic stroke in consumers using any PPA product.
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20 16. State the total amount of insurance which you believe may be available to
21 satisfy any claims which have been made in the past and which may be made in the
22 future against you, your predecessors, successors, and assigns as a result of the use of
23 PPA products. This requires, without limitation, that you:

24 a. Identify each and every general liability, comprehensive general
25 liability, advertising liability or product liability policy (and every other policy
26 which you believe may provide coverage to any personal injury claim
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1 asserted in this litigation) that you purchased or on which you are a named
2 insured (including policies purchased by related corporate entities), including
3 all excess layers and/or umbrella policies, for a minimum of the years 1990
4 through 2000, or for any additional years in which you manufactured or
5 distributed PPA products, including the policy number, name and address of
6 the insurer who issued the insurance policy and indicate any self-insured
7 retention,
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10 b. State the type of coverage provided by each such policy (e.g., claims
11 made, occurrence based, etc.);

12 c. State the limits of liability per claim and in the aggregate for each
13 such policy;

14 d. State the effective dates of each such policy;

15 e. State whether each such policy is consuming (e.g., whether
16 payments of counsel fees and defense costs consume the available limits of
17 liability);

18 f. State the amounts which have been paid under each such policy and
19 the extent to which such payments have exhausted the aggregate limits of
20 coverage provided by each such policy;

21 g. State the name of your risk manager or person most knowledgeable
22 about your insurance coverage for the years 1990 through 2000;

23 h. State the name, address and telephone number of your insurance
24 broker(s) for the years 1990 through 2000 for the insurance identified in
25 response to sub-part (a) above;
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2 i. State whether or not you have tendered any claims or provided notice
3 in this litigation to any insurer or any insurance policy other than those
4 identified in sub-part (a) above. If so, include the name and address of the
5 insurer and the policy number and, if the policy is issued to anyone other
6 than yourself, the insured under the policy; and

7 j State whether any carrier has notified you of any reservation of rights,
8 and, if so, identify all documents relating thereto.
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10 17. State the full corporate name and principal address of each entity with whom
11 you are affiliated through common ownership and control. With respect to each such
12 entity, describe its past and present role in connection with the design, testing,
13 manufacture, marketing, sale and/or distribution of PPA products.

14 18. Describe your document retention/destruction policies and procedures from
15 1985 through the present including:
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17 a. What documents (including computer files) are routinely discarded
18 and when; and

19 b. How and where you file safety related documents.

20 19. For the period January 1, 1990 through January 1, 2000, please state if you
21 modified the formulation of your PPA products or their labeling due to any concerns about
22 high blood pressure or stroke. If so,

23 a. Describe each such modification;

24 b. State the dates on which you first notified the FDA of the modification;

25 c. State the dates on which each labeling change was implemented in
26 distributed product;
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2 d. State whether you undertook any efforts to notify or educate
3 consumers about any such re-formulation or labeling change; and

4 e. Identify any documents relating or referring to the subject matter of
5 any of the previous subparts of this interrogatory.

6 20. Identify and describe all indemnity agreements, agreements to assume
7 liability, agreements to assume the defense, or any other such agreements between you,
8 your insurer and any other person regarding any claims pertaining to the manufacture and
9 distribution of any of your PPA products.
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11 21. Provide the following information about your company:

12 a. The address of your principal place of business;

13 b. The identity, by name and title, of your current corporate officers;

14 c. The identity of your current board of directors;

15 d. State whether your company is owned in material part (50% or
16 greater) by any other persons or entities and, if so, identify the owners and
17 their ownership interests;

18 e. Briefly describe your involvement with any other corporation involved
19 the manufacture and distribution of PPA products; and
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21 f. Provide the most current financial data available regarding your
22 company's:

23 i. Gross sales;

24 ii. Net income;

25 iii. Total assets;

26 iv. Cash;
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- v. Current assets;
- vi. Current liabilities;
- vii. Equity;
- viii. Long-term debt; and
- ix. Short term debt.

g. Identify the individual most knowledgeable regarding your financial status.

h. Identify the individual most knowledgeable regarding your insurance coverage.

22. Please state the number of lawsuits presently pending against you and/or any of your subsidiaries involving any of your PPA products. For each such lawsuit, please give the following information:

- a. The place of jurisdiction, case number and complete caption; and
- b. The name, firm name, address and telephone number of the lawyer(s) who have filed the case on behalf of each plaintiff

23. Please state the number of lawsuits that have been settled or dismissed against you and/or any of your subsidiaries involving any of your PPA products. For each such lawsuit, please give the following information:

- a. The place of jurisdiction, case number and complete caption;
- b. The name, firm name, address and telephone number of the lawyer(s) who filed the case on behalf of each plaintiff; and
- d. The date on which the lawsuit the lawsuit was settled.

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2 24. State whether between 1990 – 2000 your company had any written codes of
3 conduct or ethical standards regarding the marketing and labeling of drug products and, if
4 so:

5 a. Identify any documents that relate, refer to or embody such codes of
6 conduct or ethical standards;

7 b. State whether your company had any department or office that was
8 charged with the responsibility for determining whether your company
9 complied with such codes of conduct or ethical standards; and
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11 c. Identify any officers and/or employees with managerial or supervisory
12 responsibility for determining whether the corporation's conduct was in
13 compliance with such codes of conduct or ethical standards.

14 25. State whether between 1990 – 2000 your company belonged to any
15 pharmaceutical manufacturer's trade associations or other groups that had codes of
16 conduct or ethical standards regarding the marketing and labeling of drug products and, if
17 so:
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19 a. Identify any documents that relate, refer to or embody such codes of
20 conduct or ethical standards;

21 b. State whether your company had any department or office that was
22 charged with the responsibility for determining whether your company
23 complied with such codes of conduct or ethical standards; and
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25 c. Identify any officers and/or employees with managerial or
26 supervisory responsibility for determining whether the corporation's
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2 conduct was in compliance with such codes of conduct or ethical
3 standards.

4 Respectfully Submitted,

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(PPA) PRODUCTS LIABILITY
LITIGATION,

MDL Docket No. 1407

PLAINTIFFS' MASTER FIRST SET
OF REQUESTS FOR THE
PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

This document relates to all actions

Pursuant to Rule 34 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, plaintiffs respectfully request that Defendant produce the following documents and tangible things for inspection and copying at the office of liaison counsel for plaintiffs within thirty (30) days of service of these requests, or at such other time as ordered by the Court.

INSTRUCTIONS

(a) Each Request set forth herein refers to documents in the custody, control, and possession of Defendant or known to Defendant, as well as in the custody, control, and possession of or known to Defendant's counsel, representatives, agents, servants,

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1 investigators, and consultants, and unless otherwise privileged, their counsel,
2 employees, representatives, agents, servants, investigators and consultants.
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4 (b) With respect to any of the requested documents, if any such document is
5 unavailable, because it was lost or destroyed by Defendant or its agents, or for any
6 other reason, after fully identifying the document, state when and where it was
7 destroyed or is otherwise unavailable, the name and address of the person who
8 destroyed it, the name and address of the person(s) who directed, approved, or knew of
9 its destruction, and the name and address of the person(s) who has knowledge of such
10 document.
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12 (c) If there is a claim of privilege with respect to any document requested,
13 please identify every such document in the response, and include in the identification a
14 description of the document, the date of the document, the names of the addressees
15 and addressors, the identity and address of every person to whom a copy was given or
16 communicated, the general subject matter of the document, a statement of the facts
17 constituting the basis for any claim of privilege, and the specific basis on which the
18 privilege is claimed.
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20 (d) If you cannot produce documents for any other reason, respond to the
21 extent possible, stating your reasons for your inability to respond in full.
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23 (e) The documents produced responsive to these Requests should be
24 numbered or stamped in such a fashion as to identify the individual custodian from
25 whose files the documents were produced. Alternatively, Defendant may,
26 contemporaneously with the production of documents responsive to these Requests,
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1 provide a list identifying which particular documents were produced from particular
2 individuals' files.

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4 (f) These Requests shall be deemed continuing, to the full extent required or
5 permitted under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, so as to require supplementary
6 production when Defendant obtains access, custody, possession or control of any
7 document not previously produced, which is responsive to any of these Requests.

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9 (g) The headings used herein are for guidance and clarity only and should not
10 be deemed to restrict or broaden any request.

11 12 DEFINITIONS

13 (a) "PPA" means phenylpropanolamine and "PPA Products" means any
14 products phenylpropanolamine.

15 (b) "FDA" means the United States Food & Drug Administration, any
16 committee, subcommittee or advisory committee thereto, and any person, employee or
17 agent acting as a representative thereof.

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19 (c) "Foreign Government Regulatory Authority" means any agency,
20 committee, subcommittee or advisory committee of any government other than the
21 United States of America, which bears responsibility or exercises authority over the
22 manufacture, distribution, labeling, sale and/or marketing of pharmaceutical products in
23 any jurisdiction, and any employee or agent acting as a representative thereof.

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25 (d) "Defendant", "You" and "Your" refers to every corporation or other person
26 or entity upon whom plaintiffs serve this set of discovery requests, and also includes
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1 every predecessor in interest of each such company, its successor(s) in interest, and
2 every company affiliated with each such company by common ownership or control.

3 (e) As used throughout this Request for Production of Documents, the term
4 "document" or any similar term is used in its broadest possible sense and shall include,
5 but not be limited to any original, reproduction or copy, and non-identical copy (i.e., copy
6 with marginal notes, deletions, etc.) of any kind of written, printed, typed, electronically
7 created or stored, or other graphic matter of any type, documentary material, or drafts
8 thereof, including, but not limited to, any correspondence, memoranda, interoffice or
9 intra-office communications, notes, diaries, journals, calendars, contract documents,
10 publications, calculations, estimates, vouchers, minutes of meetings, invoices, reports,
11 studies, computer tapes, computer disks, computer cards, computer files, e-mails,
12 photographs, negatives, slides, dictation belts, voice tapes, telegrams, notes of
13 telephone conversations and notes of any oral communications.

14 DOCUMENT REQUESTS

15 A. CORPORATE DATA

16 1. Produce:

- 17 a. Each and every general liability, comprehensive general liability,
18 advertising liability or product liability insurance policy (and any other
19 insurance policy which you believe may provide coverage for the personal
20 injury claims asserted in this litigation that you purchased or on which you
21 are a named insured (including policies purchased by related corporate
22 entities), including all excess layers, for the years 1990 through 2000
23 inclusive;

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2 b. Any charts or schedules of layers of insurance or self-insured retention for
3 any of the respective years of coverage; and

4 c. Any documents relating or referring to any disputes or reservations of
5 rights as to coverage.

6 2. Produce all documents relating, referring to or embodying any indemnity
7 agreements, agreements to assume liability, agreements to assume the defense and
8 joint defense agreements made by Defendant, insurers for Defendant, or any other
9 entities that may be financially affected by any of the claims asserted in this litigation.
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11 3. Produce all documents relating, referring to or embodying all licenses,
12 contracts, royalty arrangements or other agreements made by Defendant and any other
13 entity related to the transfer of responsibility for the sale, marketing, manufacturing ,
14 testing or compliance with FDA regulations for any of your PPA Products.

15 4. Produce:

16 a. All documents reflecting your year end financial statements for the
17 years 1990- 2000;

18 b. Quarterly reports for the current fiscal year [this includes 10-Ks and
19 10-Qs for publicly traded companies]; and
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21 c. All of your filings with the National Association of Securities Dealers
22 for the years 1990-2000.
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24 5. Produce your annual reports for the years 1990-2000.

25 6. Produce all of your document retention or document destruction policies
26 in effect for the years 1990-2000 and all documents which discuss or refer thereto.
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- 2 7. Produce Defendant's articles of incorporation, by-laws, and any
- 3 amendments thereto.
- 4 8. For each year between 1990-2000 in which defendant designed, tested,
- 5 manufactured, sold, marketed, licensed or distributed a PPA Product, produce all
- 6 documents relating, referring to or embodying:
- 7 a. General corporate organizational charts;
- 8 b. Sales department organizational charts;
- 9 c. Marketing department organizational charts;
- 10 d. Research and development department organizational charts; and
- 11 e. Medical department organizational charts
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- 13 9. Produce any documents reflecting:
- 14 a. All corporate officers for the last five years;
- 15 b. All members of the Board of Directors for the last five years;
- 16 c. All persons or entities which owned 5% or more of Defendant's
- 17 common stock for the last five years; and
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- 19 d. Annual organization charts for any entity which owned more than
- 20 5% of Defendant's common stock during the last five years.
- 21 10. As to any entity with which you are affiliated through common ownership
- 22 and control that is involved in the manufacture, testing, marketing, licensing, sale or
- 23 distribution of a PPA Product, produce all documents which describe in any way the
- 24 responsibilities that each such entity has in regard to any PPA Product.
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- 26 11. Produce all indices, including but not limited to computer print-outs, listing
- 27 the name, case caption, attorney and/or status of any lawsuit filed against Defendant
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1 regarding any PPA Product, including cases which have been dismissed, settled,
2 withdrawn or tried to verdict and produce documents reflecting the plaintiffs' attorneys'
3 address, fax and telephone numbers.
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5 12. Produce all documents relating, referring to or embodying minutes of all
6 Board of Directors meetings which in any way refer to the risk or occurrence of stroke,
7 vasculitis, vasospasm or hypertension with the use of any PPA Product.
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9 13. Produce any documents relating, referring to or embodying notice of
10 claims, claims projections, loss estimates or risk management related to PPA Products.
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12 14. Produce all documents relating, referring to or embodying any
13 correspondence, communications, contracts or other discussions of any kind between
14 Defendant, its agents or any party acting on Defendant's behalf, and any other drug
15 company concerning the risk or occurrence of stroke, vasculitis, vasospasm or
16 hypertension with the use of any PPA Product.
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18 15. Produce all documents relating, referring to or embodying any codes of
19 conduct or ethical standards promulgated, adopted or followed by Defendant between
20 1990-2000 with respect to the marketing or labeling of drug products.
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22 16. Produce all documents relating, referring to or embodying any codes of
23 conduct or ethical standards with respect to the marketing or labeling of drug products
24 that were promulgated or adopted by any trade organization of which Defendant was a
25 member between 1990-2000.
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2 **B. FDA AND GOVERNMENT REGULATORY DOCUMENTS**

3 17. Produce all documents relating, referring to or embodying communications
4 between Defendant or any agent or consultant of Defendant, and the FDA, regarding
5 the , vasculitis, vasospasm or hypertension with the use of any PPA Product.

6 18. Produce all documents concerning any internal FDA meetings, FDA
7 Advisory Panel meetings, meetings between FDA and any manufacturers of PPA
8 Products and meetings between FDA and any trade organization regarding the risk or
9 occurrence of stroke, vasculitis, vasospasm or hypertension with the use of any PPA
10 Product, including but not limited to:

12 a. All documents relating or referring to any communications between
13 Defendant (or any agent or consultant of Defendant), and the FDA or any
14 Advisory Panel Member regarding the risk or occurrence of stroke,
15 vasculitis, vasospasm or hypertension with the use of any PPA Product;

17 b. All documents relating or referring to any financial contributions or
18 other items of value provided to Panel Members or their institutions/
19 organizations; and

20 c. All documents relating, referring to or embodying minutes of
21 meetings, agendas, dossiers, submissions, test summaries, internal
22 memoranda regarding strategies and issues, Questions and Answers,
23 scheduling, or any other documents concerning such meetings, the
24 submissions thereto, or the topic(s) discussed.

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26 19. Produce:
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2 a. Complete files for all adverse reaction reports concerning the
3 occurrence of stroke with the use of any PPA Product in the United
4 States.

5 b. All summaries (including but not limited to computerized data),
6 analysis or interpretations of any such adverse reaction report(s); and

7 c. All documents which discuss or refer to any adverse reaction
8 report, or any summary, analysis or interpretation thereof.
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10 20 Produce.

11 a. All documents relating or referring to adverse drug reactions or
12 alleged adverse drug reactions concerning reports of stroke with the use
13 of any PPA Product which occurred in any country other than the United
14 States;

15 b. All documents relating or referring to or embodying summaries,
16 computerized data, analysis, or interpretation of said reports;

17 c. All documents relating, referring or embodying the submission of
18 said reports to any government regulatory authority, whether FDA or
19 foreign,
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21 d. All documents relating or referring to the failure to submit such
22 reports to any government regulatory authority, whether FDA or foreign;
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25 e. Produce all documents which relate, refer to or embody any such
26 incidents or reports.
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2 21. Produce all documents relating, referring to or embodying any
3 communication with or submissions to the FDA or any foreign government regulatory
4 authorities regarding the regulation, approval, safety or testing of any PPA Product in
5 connection with the risk or occurrence of stroke, vasculitis, vasospasm or hypertension.

6 22. Produce all documents relating, referring to or embodying any
7 communication with or submissions to the FDA or any foreign government regulatory
8 authority regarding the recall of any PPA Product or the removal of PPA from the
9 product due to the risk or occurrence of stroke, vasculitis, vasospasm or hypertension.
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11 23. Produce:

12 a. All documents relating, referring to embodying any communications
13 between Defendant and any physician, pharmacist or other health care
14 provider regarding any PPA Product, including but not limited to all
15 documents, including drafts, of any Dear Doctor or Dear Pharmacist
16 letters concerning any PPA Product; and
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18 b. All documents relating, referring to or embodying any
19 communications with the FDA or any foreign government regulatory
20 authority regarding the content or approval of such communications.
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22 24. Produce all documents relating, referring to or embodying any information
23 received by Defendant from any physician in regard to the risk or occurrence of stroke,
24 vasculitis, vasospasm or hypertension with the use of any PPA Product.

25 25. Produce all documents relating, referring to or embodying any
26 discussions, negotiations or contracts to engage any third party to represent
27 Defendant's interests before the FDA or any foreign government regulatory authority, or
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1 any Committee or subcommittee thereof, in regard to the risk or occurrence of stroke,
2 vasculitis, vasospasm or hypertension with the use of any PPA Product, including but
3 not limited to retainer agreements or consultant agreements.
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5 26. Produce all documents relating, referring to or embodying any discussion
6 or submission between Defendant and any state government regulatory agency or any
7 state medical society concerning the risk or occurrence of stroke, vasculitis, vasospasm
8 or hypertension with the use of any PPA Product.
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10 C. PRODUCT TESTING

11 27. Produce all documents relating, referring to or embodying any pre-clinical
12 studies or testing of any PPA Product to assess the risk or occurrence of stroke,
13 vasculitis, vasospasm or hypertension with the use of PPA, including but not limited to
14 test protocols, data compilations, laboratory notebooks, summaries of results, drafts of
15 reports, interim reports, final reports, published articles, financial remuneration,
16 engagement of consultants/investigators, internal memoranda and submissions of data
17 to the FDA or any Foreign Government Regulatory Authorities.
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19 28. Produce all documents relating, referring to or embodying any clinical
20 studies or testing to assess the risk or occurrence of stroke, vasculitis, vasospasm or
21 hypertension with the use of any PPA Product, including but not limited to test protocols,
22 data compilations, laboratory notebooks, summaries of results, drafts of reports, interim
23 reports, final reports, published articles, financial remuneration, engagement of
24 investigators, internal memoranda and submissions of data to the FDA or any Foreign
25 Government Regulatory Authorities.
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2 29. Produce all documents relating, referring to or embodying any
3 epidemiology studies assessing the risk or occurrence of stroke, vasculitis, vasospasm
4 or hypertension with any PPA Product, including but not limited to test protocols, data
5 compilations, summaries of results, drafts of reports, interim reports, final reports,
6 published articles, financial remuneration, engagement of investigators, internal
7 memoranda and submissions of data to the FDA or any Foreign Government
8 Regulatory Authorities.
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10 30. Produce all documents concerning any receipt, discussion, studies,
11 analysis or review of clinical experience reports for any PPA Product to assess the risk
12 or occurrence of stroke, vasculitis, vasospasm or hypertension with the use of PPA,
13 including but not limited to formally submitted adverse reaction reports, communications
14 (whether written or oral) concerning case reports, published clinical experience reports,
15 or any other such report made known to Defendant.
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17 31. Produce all documents:

18 a. Relating, referring to or embodying studies assessing the risk or
19 occurrence of stroke with any PPA Product conducted by any third parties,
20 including but not limited to those funded by trade groups or associations;

21 b. Relating, referring to or embodying Defendant's review, analysis,
22 investigation or interpretation of said results; and

23 c. Relating, referring to or embodying any attempts by Defendant to
24 submit said data to the FDA or any Foreign Government Regulatory
25 Authority.
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2 32. Produce all documents relating, referring to or embodying any financial
3 support by Defendant to any other person or entity conducting any study or analysis of
4 the risk or occurrence of stroke, vasculitis, vasospasm or hypertension with the use of
5 any PPA product.

6 33. Produce all documents relating, referring to or embodying any decision on
7 the part of Defendant not to provide any financial support for any studies or analyses of
8 the risk or occurrence of stroke, vasculitis, vasospasm or hypertension with the use of
9 any PPA product.

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11 34. Produce all documents relating, referring to or embodying any testing of
12 any PPA Product to assess the risk or occurrence of stroke, vasculitis, vasospasm or
13 hypertension which defendant did not complete, did not publish, or did not submit to the
14 FDA or any Foreign Government Regulatory Authority.

15 35. As to any clinical, animal or other study currently sponsored by, financed
16 by, undertaken by, or suggested by Defendant to assess the risk or occurrence of
17 stroke, vasculitis, vasospasm or hypertension with any PPA Product, provide all
18 documents concerning said study, including but not limited to engagement letters,
19 contracts, protocols, status reports, raw data, summary of findings, internal
20 memorandum, drafts of reports, interim reports, final reports, manuscripts, submissions
21 to publishers, submissions to FDA or any Foreign Government Regulatory Authority, or
22 discussions, communications or analysis of the current or final results.
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25 36. Produce:

26 a. All documents relating, referring to or embodying a bibliography of
27 articles or reports concerning the risk or occurrence of stroke, vasculitis,
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1 vasospasm or hypertension with any PPA Product, including but not
2 limited to monographs, presentations, letters to the editor, abstracts, and
3 any other published reports; and
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5 b. Copies of each such article or report in Defendant's possession.

6 37. Produce all documents relating, referring to or embodying any
7 unpublished reports, speeches, data compilations, clinical observations or other
8 communications concerning the risk or occurrence of stroke, vasculitis, vasospasm or
9 hypertension with any PPA Product.
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11 38. Produce all documents relating, referring to or embodying any laboratory
12 testing and/or studies regarding the pharmacology, pharmacokinetics and/or
13 biochemical properties of any PPA Product that were undertaken to assess the risk or
14 occurrence of stroke, vasculitis, vasospasm or hypertension with the use of such
15 product.
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17 39. Produce all documents relating, referring to or embodying any
18 communications by Defendant with any publisher, editor, author, reporter or employee
19 of or for any lay, scientific, medical or news publication or any free lance writer
20 concerning the risk or occurrence of stroke, vasculitis, vasospasm or hypertension with
21 any PPA Product.
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23 40. Produce all documents relating, referring to or embodying any efforts by
24 Defendant to study, monitor or test for the risk or occurrence of stroke, vasculitis,
25 vasospasm or hypertension with the use of a PPA Product, either alone or in
26 combination with any other drug.
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2 41. Produce all documents that relate, refer to or embody any communication,
3 report or inquiry between Defendant and the Centers or Disease Control in regard to the
4 risk or occurrence of stroke, vasculitis, vasospasm or hypertension with the use of any
5 PPA Product.

6 42. Produce all documents that relate, refer to or embody any communication,
7 report or inquiry between Defendant and the National Institutes of Health in regard to
8 the risk or occurrence of stroke, vasculitis, vasospasm or hypertension with the use of
9 any PPA Product.
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11 43. Produce all documents that relate, refer to or embody any communication,
12 report or inquiry between Defendant and the World Health Organization in regard to the
13 risk or occurrence of stroke, vasculitis, vasospasm or hypertension with the use of any
14 PPA Product.

15 44. Produce all documents that relate, refer to or embody any communication,
16 report or inquiry between Defendant and the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) in regard
17 to the risk or occurrence stroke with the use of any PPA Product.
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19 D. PRODUCT RECALL

20 45. Produce all documents relating, referring to or embodying any
21 communications with the FDA or any foreign government regulatory authority regarding
22 any discussion or suggestion that Defendant eliminate PPA from any of its products or
23 withdraw any PPA Product from the market.
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25 46. Produce all documents relating or referring to any discussion, suggestion
26 or study of whether PPA should be removed from any products or whether any PPA
27 Product should be withdrawn temporarily or permanently from the market, including but
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1 not limited to internal memorandum, notes of conversations, communications with the
2 FDA or any Foreign Government Regulatory Authority, and communications with other
3 manufacturers, licensors, licensees, distributors, or marketers.
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5 47. Produce all documents regarding any discussion, suggestion or study of
6 whether any current or pending, approved or unapproved NDA, ANDA, or IND for any
7 PPA Product should be withdrawn or suspended temporarily or permanently due to
8 safety concerns, including but not limited to internal memorandum, notes of
9 conversations, communications with the FDA or other Foreign Government Regulatory
10 Authority, and communications with other manufacturers, licensors, licensees,
11 distributors, or marketers.
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13 48. Produce all documents, (including but not limited to drafts) concerning
14 recall notices, dear doctor letters, letters to physicians, pharmacists or other health care
15 providers, newspaper or other print advertisements, press releases, questions and
16 answers or other public statements regarding the recall of any PPA Product or the
17 removal of PPA from any product.
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19 49. Produce all documents relating, referring to or embodying the hiring or
20 retention by Defendant or by any other person or entity acting on Defendant's behalf, of
21 any public relations firm or any law firm specializing in drug regulatory practices to
22 participate in, orchestrate, organize or otherwise direct the recall effort for any Related
23 Products and produce all documents regarding said engagement, including but not
24 limited to questions and answers, talk papers, scripts for telephone calls, creation of
25 special advisory or consulting boards, gestures to demonstrate concern for victims,
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1 donations to causes important to victims, retention of scientific or medical researchers,
2 advisors or experts and other such public relations strategies.

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4 50. Produce all documents relating, referring to or embodying the retention of
5 persons in any medical discipline to study, assess or analyze the risk or occurrence of
6 stroke, vasculitis, vasospasm or hypertension with the use of any PPA Product by or on
7 behalf of Defendant, whether retained directly by Defendant or otherwise.

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9 51. Produce all documents relating, referring to or embodying any analysis of
10 the actual or anticipated impact of the reformulation of any of your PPA products to
11 remove PPA from the product on:

- 12 a. The cost of producing such reformulated product;
13 b. The market share of such reformulated product;
14 c. The dollar sales of such reformulated product; and
15 d. Consumer preference or satisfaction with such reformulated product.
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17 E. LABELING

18 52. Produce all documents relating, referring to or embodying any labeling,
19 including drafts and revisions thereto, ever generated for each PPA Product tested,
20 licensed, manufactured, marketed or distributed by Defendant.

21 53. As to each change in the PPA Product labeling, produce all documents
22 relating, referring to or embodying said label change.

23 54. Produce all documents relating, referring to or embodying communications
24 by Defendant or other materials distributed by Defendant to physicians, pharmacists or
25 consumers regarding any change in the labeling or recommendations for use of any
26 PPA Product, including but not limited to Dear Doctor letters.
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2 55. Produce all documents relating, referring to or embodying any
3 communications with the FDA or any Foreign Government Regulatory Authority
4 regarding changes in the label or recommendations for use of any PPA Product.

5 56. Produce all documents, including but not limited to internal memorandum,
6 minutes of meetings, and draft proposals, regarding any consideration, discussion,
7 decision or attempt to revise any label or recommendations for use of any PPA Product.

8 57. Produce all documents relating, referring to or embodying information
9 published in any PDR concerning any PPA Product, and produce all documents
10 relating, referring to or embodying revisions, alterations or discussions of PDR data.

11 58. Produce all documents relating, referring to or embodying materials
12 provided to consumers upon purchase of any PPA Product, such as package inserts,
13 instructions or warnings included within the packaging and produce all documents
14 relating, referring to or embodying drafts of said documents, discussions of said
15 documents or revisions or alterations thereto.
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18 F. MARKETING

19 59. Produce:

- 20 a. An exemplar color copy of each direct consumer advertisement for
21 any PPA Product;
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23 b. All documents relating or referring to the issue of whether a warning
24 about the risk or occurrence of stroke, vasculitis, vasospasm or
25 hypertension should be mentioned in any such advertisements.
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2 60. Produce:

3 a. All documents relating, referring to or embodying any press
4 releases or public relations material for any PPA Product that relate or
5 refer to the risk or occurrence of strokes with the use of such products;
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7 b. All documents relating, referring to or embodying any drafts,
8 discussions, FDA approvals or revisions of said information.
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10 61. Produce:

11 a. Exemplars of any videotapes or other visual aids created by
12 Defendant to advertise and promote the use of any PPA Product;
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14 b. All documents relating or referring to the issue of whether a warning
15 about the risk or occurrence of stroke, vasculitis, vasospasm or
16 hypertensions should be mentioned in any such videotapes or visual aids.
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18 62. Produce all documents relating, referring to or embodying sponsorship,
19 financial support, contribution of product, consultation agreements, or other items of
20 value provided to or for any person studying the risk or occurrence of stroke, vasculitis,
21 vasospasm or hypertension with the use of any PPA Product, either alone or in
22 combination with another drug.

23 63. Produce all documents relating, referring to or embodying any minutes,
24 agendas, brochures, memoranda or correspondence relating to meetings of any trade
25 group or of any other group or association regarding the risk or occurrence of stroke,
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2 vasculitis, vasospasm or hypertension with the use of any PPA Product which were
3 attended, supported or sponsored by Defendant.

4 64. Produce:

5 a. All documents relating or referring to medical seminars,
6 conferences or lectures conducted, sponsored in whole or in part, or in
7 which defendant or its agents participated, in which the topic of the risk or
8 occurrence of stroke, vasculitis, vasospasm or hypertension with the use
9 of a PPA Product was discussed;

10 b. All documents relating, referring to or embodying any presentations
11 made by or on behalf of Defendant and any materials displayed, relied
12 upon or distributed by Defendant at said conference.
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14 G. PHYSICIANS AND SCIENTISTS

15 65. Produce every document relating, referring to or embodying any opinion
16 by a physician, a scientist, or a medical or scientific expert, regarding the risk or
17 occurrence of stroke, vasculitis, vasospasm or hypertensions with the use of PPA
18 products, including but not limited to reports prepared in legal proceedings, opinions
19 expressed in depositions or trial, reports submitted to scientific journals, opinions
20 expressed at medical conferences, and opinions provided as testimony, reports or
21 statements to the FDA or any foreign government regulatory authority, or any advisory
22 committee thereof.
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24 66. Produce all documents relating, referring to or embodying any financial
25 payments, contributions or support provided by Defendant to any physician, scientist,
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1 medical or scientific expert which is the subject of the preceding request, or any
2 institution, agency or entity with which said individual is affiliated.
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4 67. Produce every document relating, referring to or embodying any attempt
5 by Defendant to retain, engage or otherwise provide financial support or item of value to
6 any person engaged in scientific or medical study of the risk or occurrence of stroke,
7 vasculitis, vasospasm or hypertension with the use of any PPA Product.
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9 H. DOCUMENTS CONCERNING LITIGATION

10 68. Produce all documents that you were requested to identify in response to
11 Plaintiffs' Interrogatories.

12 69. Produce all documents from the files of the individuals identified in
13 response to Plaintiffs' Interrogatories that relate or refer to the risk or occurrence of
14 stroke, vasculitis, vasospasm or hypertension with the use of any PPA product.
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16 70. Produce all documents upon which Defendant relies to support each and
17 every affirmative defense asserted in the Answers filed to the Complaint of Plaintiffs.
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